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Review of Insurgency Problems

1. Laos

There are continuing reports of Communist troop movements in the Muong Pha Lane - Dong Hene area of the Laos panhandle. Only occasional skirmishes have been noted, however, and these have largely been in reaction to government efforts to clear the regions bordering Route 9 between Sebo and Muong Pha Lane.

North of the Plaine des Jarres, government forces recently have made limited advances in the Route 6 area. The North Vietnamese, however, have moved additional forces south from the Samneua region, and a step-up in fighting during the next few weeks appears quite likely.

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2. Congo (Leopoldville)

The government is bringing together equipment and troops at Albertville for a campaign, now set for the middle of August, to wipe out the Fizi

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In the meantime, well-armed rebels from Fizi have stepped up their harassment of government positions north of Albertville. One sizable rebel group has reportedly moved down the coast of Lake Tanganyika to within 40 miles of Albertville. This group is reportedly being resupplied directly from Kigoma, despite the fact that last week the T-28s operating out of Albertville sank three large supply boats.

North of Fizi, rebel attacks on Uvira have ceased, at least for the moment. Government movements in the Uvira-Bukavu valley are still restricted to small armed convoys, however. Other government troops now have cleared the southern route from Bukavu to Kindu. Government units recently advanced north from Kindu halfway to Stanleyville.

In the northeast, mercenary-led units from Aketi last week cleared the road to Bumba. Sizable rebel bands remain in the area but now hold only one town, Bondo, 80 miles north of Aketi.

More rebel activity may be in the offing northeast of Leopoldville. A rebel group which has sporadically harassed the Bolobo area 200 miles upriver from Leopoldville has reportedly mushroomed into a band 200 to 300 strong and is moving inland. The region east of Bolobo to Lake Leopold is fertile ground for the rebels' cause but the government is moving additional troops to Bolobo to counter this threat.

Elsewhere, the government continues to mop up pockets of rebels. In the border areas, Ugandan authorities now are reportedly interning the rebels who flee across the border. Sudanese dissidents who claim they are patrolling the Congolese border are apparently driving the Congolese rebels farther into the Sudan where the Sudanese Army gathers them into camps. (Map)

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3. Sudan

The southern Sudanese rebels have recently become more aggressive in their guerilla war against the central government. The rebels, who have for some time controlled much of the countryside in the three southern provinces, have now undertaken probes against major population centers. A clash at Juba on 9 July was followed by a similar incident at Wau. The government expects a further clash at Yei, the third major town in the south.

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The government, although generally on the defensive, has given the army forces in the area--perhaps 13,000 of the Sudan's 17,000-man army--the green light to shoot suspected rebels on sight. This license may in part be responsible for the ugly situation which arose in Juba following the rebel probe on 9 July. Troops apparently defied their commanders and ran amok, killing a considerable number of civilians and burning a large portion of the native quarter of the town. Southern leaders are deeply concerned over the incident, which will make an already complex and largely intractable situation still more difficult. The government is attempting to blame the arson on the dissidents, and has strongly criticized Khartoum newspapers which reported the incident factually.

All travel has been banned in Equatoria Province, and near - martial law prevails in the region.

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4. Colombia

On 6 July police shot and killed the notorious bandit, "John the Baptist" Ruiz Castro. He is the third well-known gangster slain by authorities since mid-June. The reward of 25,000 pesos for "John the Baptist" was given to the family of an innocent passer-by who was also killed in the shooting.

The US Embassy in Bogota reported that the authorities discovered incendiary devices in the ruins of a Sears-Roebuck store in Periera which burned to the ground on 21 June. These were markedly similar to those used by the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN) in Caracas, Venezuela, according to the embassy; this renews fears that Colombian terrorists are collaborating with the FALN, possibly with Cuban direction.

5. Paraguay

In a swift maneuver designed to nip off Communist subversive activities, the police have arrested approximately 60 low-level Paraguayan Communist Party (PCP) members. There seems to be no major threat to the stability of President Alfredo Stroessner's government, and the arrests apparently were preventive in nature. When wild rumors of Communist plots began to fly through Asuncion, however, the government took the unusual step of publicizing its efficient efforts to halt Communist activity. Communist strategy may have been

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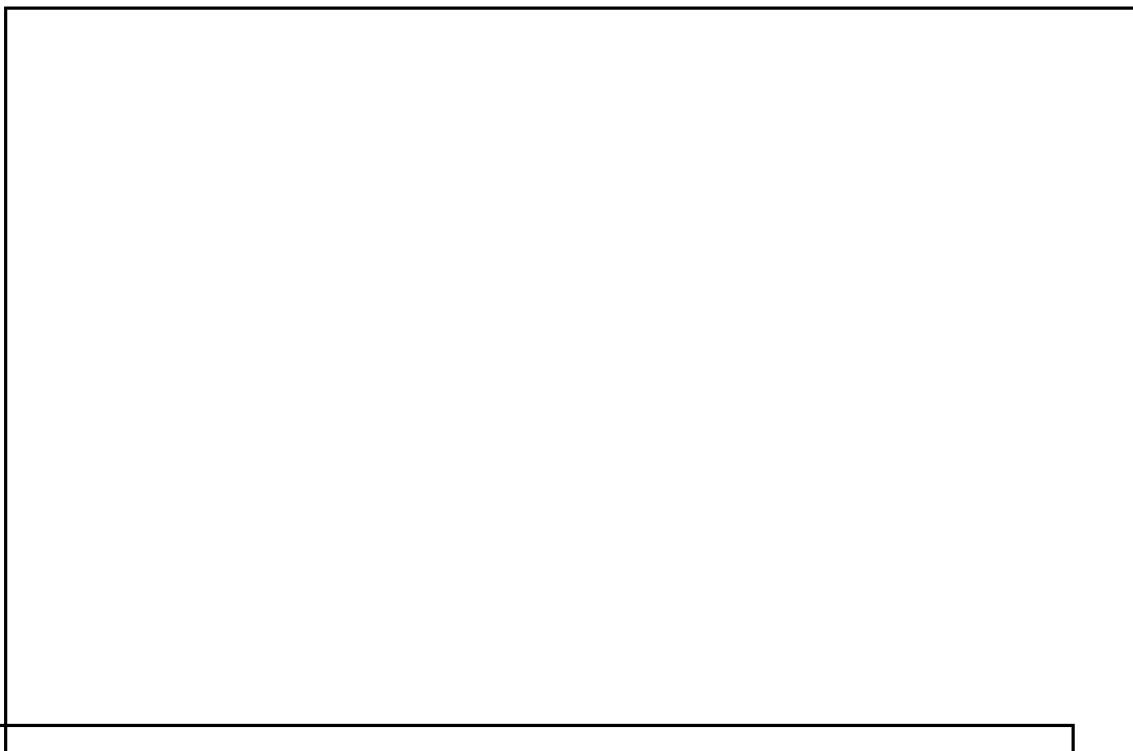
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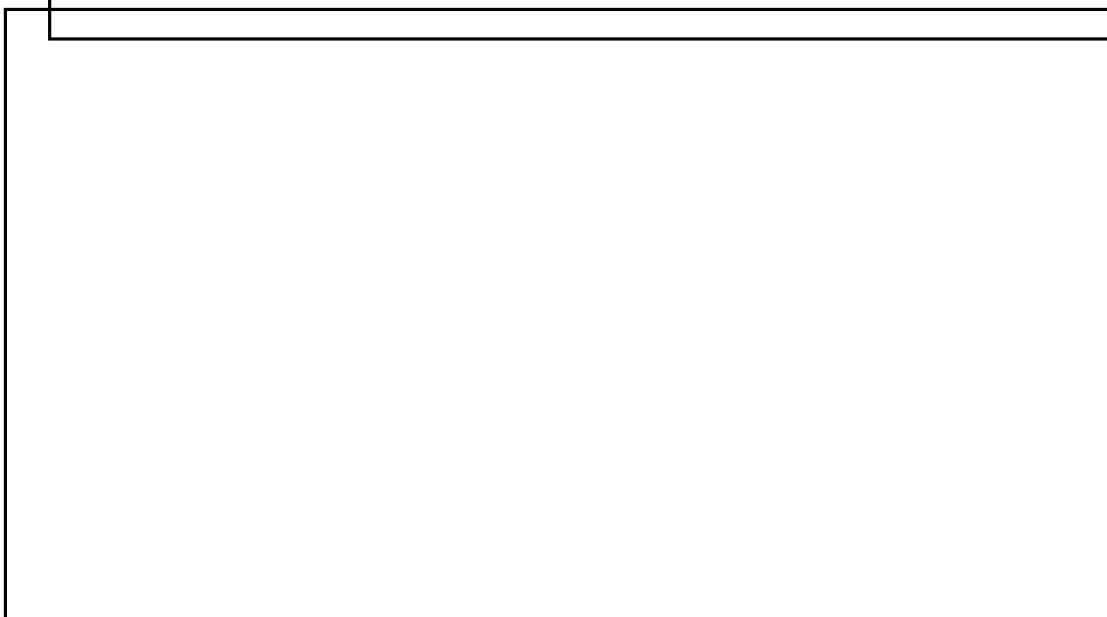


aimed at embarrassing the Stroessner government by
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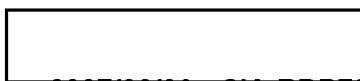


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6. Peru

Public concern over guerrilla activities in central Peru has been somewhat reduced since the armed forces took command of counterinsurgency operations last week. With the army in charge, the public seems to feel that the guerrillas will be at least contained if not eliminated.

No serious clashes between Peruvian security forces and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) guerrillas are known to have taken place since the disastrous ambush of a police patrol on 27 June. Army rangers have moved into the central zone area of operations, ready to go into action if needed. More than 400 civil guard police troops now are controlling travel in the area, while investigative police continue to arrest and interrogate persons suspected of aiding the MIR.

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7. Venezuela

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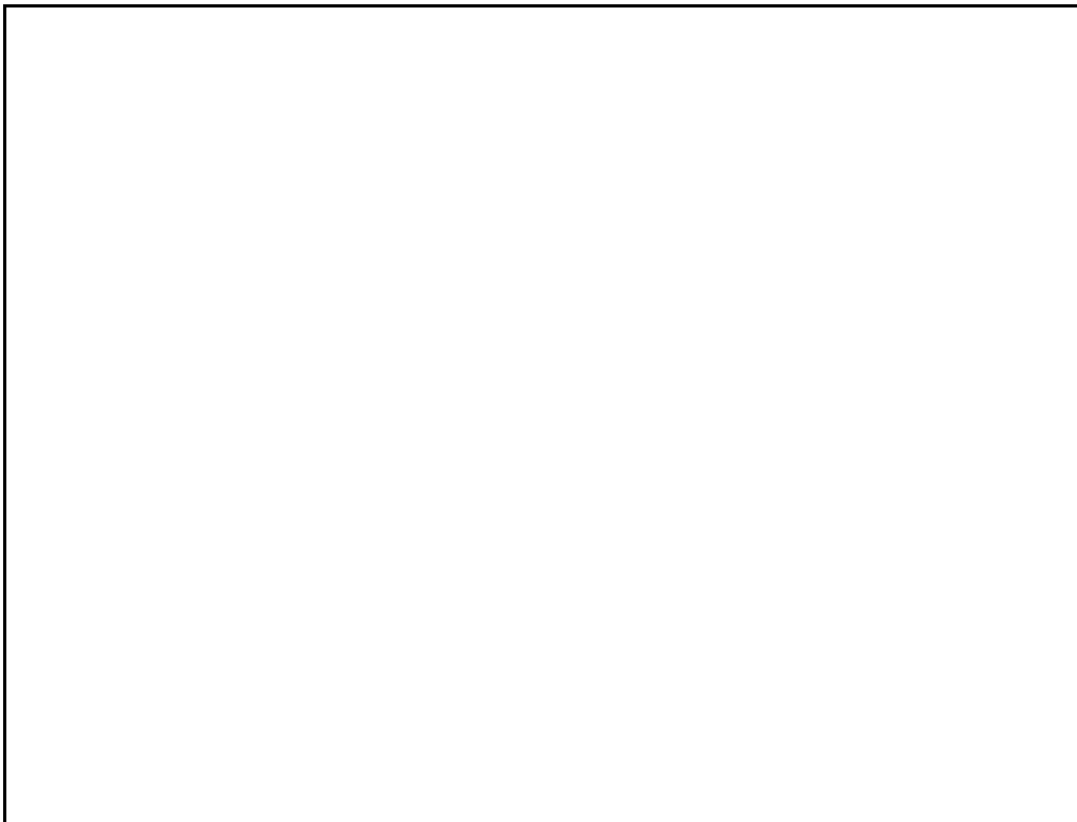
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Recent press reports have indicated the capture of two guerrilla camps on 30 June and another on 7 July by government forces in Falcon state. Meanwhile, terrorist violence during an extremist-backed bus and taxi driver strike in Caracas on 12 July resulted in the death of one policeman and one civilian. Gunfire occurred in and around the Caracas Central University, a major point of the disturbances. (Map)

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VENEZUELA

- International boundary
- - - Estado or territorio boundary
- ⊕ National capital
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